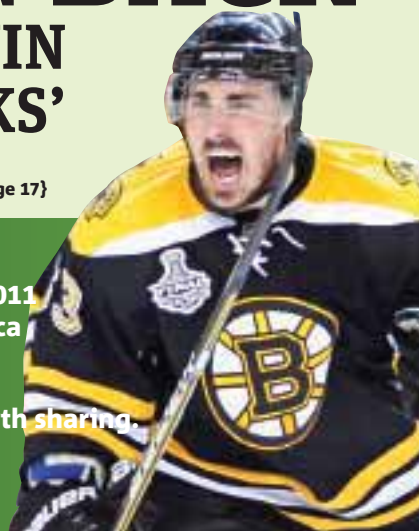


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News worth sharing.

So you think you can sing, London?

► Tomorrow is the final day to sign up for the Western Fair Junior and Youth Talent Competition qualifiers here in London ► First preliminary held June 11 at St. Francis school



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Got serious singing skills but aren't old enough for American Idol?

The Western Fair Junior and Youth Talent Competition may be just what you're looking for. On

Saturday, the most talented young people in London are set to gather at the St. Francis school gym, 690 Osgoode Dr., for the preliminary competition. From there, the best singers, dancers and musicians will be off to the main competition at the Western Fair this September.

Organized by the Neighbourhood Resource Association of Westminster Park, the competition is entering its 30th year. It's a great opportunity for young people to come out and showcase their skills, said co-organizer Lynn Crinklaw.

"The majority of the competi-

tors are very high-calibre," co-organizer Kelly Clark-Emery said. "You can tell they've been working hard at lessons and with a coach. They come prepared because part of marking is interaction with the audience and stage presence, so they're very well-rounded."

Budget

Flaherty delivers deja vu

► Federal budget largely a rehash of Tories' pre-election plan {page 4}

Twilight star says yes

Idol castoff liked it, going to put a ring on it {page 11}



Don't do the long distance

Relationships need not rack up your phone bill, says Jessica Napier {page 8}

It's a certain ... je ne sais quoi

French broadcasters barred from sayings such as 'Find us on Facebook' {page 5}

I scream, you scream



► Luca Tarcisio, 21, of London enjoys an ice-cream cone in front of the Covent Garden Market on a warm Monday afternoon.

KYLE REA/METRO

Warm temperatures to melt your cares away

While temperatures in the high 20s are expected to dominate the rest of the week, rainy weather is expected today and Thursday, says Environment Canada.

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Allan Small on what last week's release of disappointing economic numbers means for investors. More at metronews.ca/investing

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Guitarist is Changing the World – one YouTube song at a time

- ▶ Jessica Allossery's Telus commercial airs nationally until Dec. 31
- ▶ She learned to play the guitar by watching YouTube videos

MARINA BRKLJACA/FOR METRO



▶ Jessica Allossery, 21, an advanced filmmaking student at Fanshawe College, sits on her bed where she wrote her song Change the World in the winter of 2009. Little did she know Telus would make it a part of its We Give Where We Live campaign.



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There's only so much time left to help Jessica Allossery Change the World.

Telus mobility users can download the Fanshawe College student's song, Change the World, from the We Give Where We Live Telus television

commercial for free until June 15. For every download, Telus will donate five dollars (a maximum of \$50,000 total) to the Make Children Better Now foundation.

Allossery, 21, an advanced filmmaking student, said the foundation is close to her heart. She even did a documentary on it for her class.

"Telus loved the documentary and wanted more people to know about it," said Allossery.

The foundation was started by Mike and Brenda Neuts, Allossery's neighbours in her hometown of Chatham. It's in memory of their son, Myles Casey Benson Neuts, who lost his life to bullying at the age of 10,

"I want to give inspiration. I want people to know they can make a difference if they want to. I want to inspire other people to make a difference in the world."

JESSICA ALLOSSERY

said Allossery.

Telus wanted to team up with Allossery for its new We Give Where We Live campaign after watching her sing Change the World on YouTube.

Allossery said once meeting with the people at Telus, everything fell

It was a rainy day

- ▶ Jessica Allossery wrote Change the World on a rainy day in 2009 because she wanted to write about making a positive difference.

- ▶ Website: jessicaallossery.com/

together.

"They felt I was perfect for the campaign, someone who cares about the world, causes and environment," said Allossery.

Allossery said she hopes this opportunity will be just the beginning for her.

"I want to tour the world and spread my music," said Allossery.

Time-of-use electricity pricing delayed

The switch to time-of-use pricing for electricity will be delayed until after the election for about one-third of Ontario homes and small businesses.

Local utilities representing hydro customers from Windsor, London, Mississauga, Burlington, Sudbury and other communities have asked for more time to make the change.

Energy Minister Brad Duguid says he wants local utilities to make sure the switch goes smoothly, so he's not putting any added pressure on them to get it done. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Retired fire captain dies in motorcycle accident

A retired London fire captain is dead after being involved in a weekend motorcycle crash in Elgin County.

Ken Gilders, 69, from Appin, was travelling westbound on Dexter Line just west of Port Bruce when his Harley Davidson went into a ditch Sunday.

Gilders was transported to St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

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JLC set for Alan Jackson

Country superstar Alan Jackson will take the stage at the John Labatt Centre on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets (\$79.50, \$59.50) go on sale Saturday at 10 a.m.

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Decorated fighter pilot's name lives on

► Ceremony naming overpass after Charley Fox included dignitaries, family, friends and a flyover by Harvard aircraft in missing man formation



► Six-year-old Ava Kittmar and sister Courtney, 7, closely examine a plaque erected at the Hale Trafalgar overpass in memory of their great-grandfather, Charley Fox, yesterday. At an official ceremony, the overpass was named the Charley Fox Memorial Overpass in honour of Fox, a well-known fighter pilot during the Second World War. He was remembered yesterday for his wartime activities and his community involvement when he returned to Canada.



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Twice decorated with one of England's highest honours during the Second World War, Charley Fox was a hero to many.

But it was his heroic work as an educator and a community volunteer that many in the Forest City will remember.

Now, his name will live on through a major London building project, the Hale Trafalgar overpass. Yesterday, the overpass was officially named the Charley Fox Memorial Overpass. Fox died in 2008.

He served as a Spitfire fighter pilot during the Second World War and flew air cover for Canadian troops landing on the

"Charley himself never understood why he made it back when so many others didn't. He's a person who didn't want the glory himself; he thought others deserved it."

LONDON DEPUTY MAYOR BUDD POLHILL

beaches during D-Day. Twice he received the distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and he's credited with wounding German Gen. Erwin Rommel, the famous Desert Fox.

But while many called him a hero, Fox didn't want that title, said Robert Williamson, his friend and a history teacher at Clarke Road Secondary School.

He was a hero in the community, and he regularly talked to students about his wartime experiences through the Torchbearer program Fox created.

"He always asked, 'Why me?' Why was it him that returned from the war when so many of his friends did not?" Williamson said. "Over the years he came to the conclusion that his mission was to ensure his story was passed on to future generations. Charley was a modest man; he didn't tell his stories for personal accolades but to educate."

His daughter, Sue Beckett, said it's fitting that an overpass should bear her father's name — he always knew the best routes around London to save

Memorial honour

- The Hale Trafalgar overpass combines a roundabout and an overpass for railway lines.
- The project, estimated at close to \$17 million, was completed in December but the official opening couldn't be held earlier due to heavy snow.
- Charley Fox achieved the rank of flight lieutenant, but was named an honorary colonel of the 420 Squadron Snowy Owl Division.

time.

"I am positive he never could have imagined what is happening here today. I think if he were here and able to respond, he would be overwhelmed," she said.

Youth-activist brothers to get honorary degrees

Craig and Marc Kielburger, two brothers who created change for underprivileged children around the world with their Free the Children organization, will be among 11 recipients of honorary degrees next week as the University of Western Ontario hosts its 297th convocation.

The Kielburgers will receive their doctor of laws on June 14 at 3:30 p.m.

The Kielburgers' Free the Children organization, which involves more than one million youth in 45



► Craig Kielburger

countries, has brought running water and more than 650 schools and schoolrooms to communities worldwide.

For more on the recipients of honorary degrees from Western, go to metronews.ca/local. ● METRO

HIGHWAY 402

Trees to ease sweep of storms

More than 5,000 trees are being planted along a highway where hundreds of motorists were stranded by a snowstorm in southwestern Ontario last winter.

Steven Shaw of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority says they have to get something to slow down the wind and accumulation of snow that's blown from fields

onto Highway 402.

But Shaw says it will likely be several years before there are benefits from the trees that will form a windbreak along the highway.

Police, the military and volunteers helped rescue nearly 240 stranded motorists who were trapped in their vehicles along the snow-swept highway last December.

The operation included two Griffon helicopters from CFB Trenton.

Highway 402 connects Highway 401 in London to the Blue Water Bridge international crossing near Sarnia.

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Locally produced TV shows debut this week

Three new shows produced by Londoners will premiere this week on Rogers TV, Cable 13. EcoVox TV (tomorrow, 7 p.m.), Forest City Fairways (Thursday, 6:30 p.m.) and Vito's Circus (Thursday, 10 p.m.) are shows that were conceived and pitched to Rogers TV earlier this year and now will make their debut on the local community station.

If you have an idea for programming on Rogers TV, a show proposal form is available at rogerstv.com.

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Beauty Latina-style

The annual Belleza Latina beauty pageant will be held June 18 at 7 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel.

There are 10 contestants from five Latin-American countries competing for the title of Miss Belleza Latina 2011, including: Paola Navarro (Colombia), Karen Elizalde (Mexico), Tracy García (El Salvador), Leany Barrios (Cuba), Catalina Fernández (Colombia), Carolina Castaneda (Guatemala), Brigitte Monterroza (El Salvador), Celia Domínguez (Cuba), María Camila López (Colombia) and Ana María Hernández (Colombia).

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door. Call (519) 933-3226.

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▶ A lion statue wearing a Canucks' jersey at the entrance to the Lions Gate Bridge in Vancouver.

FANS MAKING LION EFFORT FOR JERSEYS

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Everywhere you go in Vancouver and its suburbs these days you are beset by fans in Canucks jerseys.

Aside from tickets, home-team jerseys are far and away the hottest item in Vancouver right now. There are lineups to get into the two Canucks-owned stores. Giant blue jerseys even hang from the twin granite lions guarding the approach to

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Lions Gate Bridge — or they did.

West Vancouver police issued a news release yesterday about the arrest of a 17-year-old girl and two men in their 20s for allegedly stripping one of the lions and absconding with the giant Canucks sweater in their car.

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Familiar federal budget

- ▶ Mostly reprises Tories' pre-election financial plan
- ▶ No details on \$4B in promised annual spending cuts

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS



▶ Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty answers questions in the House of Commons after delivering the federal budget on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday.

Armed with a majority mandate, Prime Minister Stephen Harper is forging ahead with a 2011-12 budget larded with low-cost boutique tax breaks, modest pension help for the poorest seniors, and a vow to slay the deficit within four years.

New to the spending blueprint is \$2.2 billion for Quebec as an inducement to finalize full harmonization of the provincial sales tax with the federal GST.

The budget will also phase out the \$2-per-vote public subsidy received by all federal political parties.

All the moves were repeatedly linked to the majority mandate the Conservatives won May 2, when 39.6 per cent of voters delivered them 166 seats in the House of Com-

mons.

Opposition Leader Jack Layton complained that the Conservatives were not being transparent about where their proposed cuts in federal spending would

come from.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said some programs "will not continue."

Total federal spending will total \$281.4 billion this fiscal year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Budget tweets



Not much love for the refashioned budget.

- ▶ @michaelsapcott "What's new in federal budget 2011 on long overdue national housing plan? Absolutely nothing..."
- ▶ @nepeancarlton "I'm a proud political geek but this budget thing is SUCH a snore No change fr govt or opposition Is Oprah on?"
- ▶ @lindsayfg "Having deja vu. Didn't I just watch something about #bgt41 a few months ago..."
- ▶ @stephen_taylor "Breaking news: @elizabethmay won't support the budget. #whatev"



For more budget news and reaction, go to metronews.ca

PM makes first visit to Quebec flood zone

GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS



▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper views a flooded area yesterday with Lt.-Col. Simon Bernier in the town of Venise-en-Quebec.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper finally arrived in Quebec's flood zone — and, while he didn't bring his hip waders, he did come carrying a few funding announcements.

The prime minister completed a helicopter tour yesterday over the disaster area where 3,000 homes have been flooded and hundreds have been forced from their houses.

He took a walking tour to visit flood installations, chatted with area residents, and met with local officials.

"It's obvious the damage is considerable," Harper told a news conference.

He announced several initiatives — including financial help for Quebec's disaster response and funding for its flood-mitigation program.

Harper had been criticized for failing to visit during the region's seven-week ordeal and for his government's refusal to let the army stick around to help with the cleanup.

Visiting ahead of the federal budget announcement, Harper said he didn't want to give the Quebec floods special treatment. Army cleanup assistance was not offered elsewhere, such as in Manitoba.

"The people of Montérégie can rest assured that our government is working closely with the province and affected communities to keep them safe and to help them rebuild their communities and lives," Harper said in a statement.

Wearing a blazer and slacks, Harper was dressed for meetings with officials — not for sloshing through flood waters as other high-profile visitors have done.

Harper's helicopter tour allowed him to get an overview of the damage. In some areas, dozens of rows of streets remain submerged. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Assistance

- ▶ Federal help announced yesterday will include funding 50 per cent — or \$2 million — of the province's existing \$4-million flood-mitigation plan for the region.
- ▶ The prime minister also announced plans for a national disaster-mitigation strategy
- ▶ Federal and provincial ministers and civil servants will meet to discuss raising homes in flood zones to new heights, insurance programs and burying electrical cables.

Dog-attack threat used in robbery

Halifax police are looking for two men after a dog was used in a robbery on Sunday night.

Police say the pair threatened another man by telling him they would unleash their dog and have it

attack if the victim didn't hand over some cash.

The two made off with a small sum of money.

There were no injuries and everyone had left the area before police arrived.

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Bull rushes free, shot dead by police

A bull heading for a slaughterhouse in Prince Edward Island made a failed bid for freedom yesterday before being felled by police gunshots.

Officers said the 635-kilogram bull broke free

from his owners while being unloaded at an abattoir in Summerside.

It ran loose within the city for approximately an hour and 40 minutes, police said.

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Alberta PCs shrug off accusations

Alberta's health minister dismissed allegations yesterday that his caucus colleagues have let friends and cronies jump the queue to get faster surgery.

Gene Zwozdesky was responding to a recent

speech by the former head of Alberta Health Services.

Stephen Duckett said he shut down a back-channel system that favoured friends of some government legislature members.

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► France's Superior Audiovisual Council member Christine Kelly looks on as she is interviewed by reporters yesterday in Paris.

France bans 'secret' ads

- Ruling went largely unnoticed until French bloggers picked up on it
- Country has long had a reputation as being tough on cyberspace

No plugging of Twitter accounts or Facebook pages on French broadcast airwaves.

France's audiovisual authority says that TV and radio stations that promote their sites on the two gargantuan social media services on air are actually engaging in secret — and unfair — advertising.

Some French bloggers, bemoaning that their country seems out of touch with the Digital Age, pilloried what it considered an antiquated stance.

On May 27, the Superior Audiovisual Council, or CSA, said that broadcasters could legally point viewers or listeners to their sites on generic "social media" but

they may not cite services like Facebook or Twitter by name.

The CSA said yesterday that Facebook or Twitter could be cited only when a report or program merits a specific reference to those sites.

"We are not in the United States where you buy frequencies to get a TV

channel and then you do pretty much whatever you want on your channel," said Christine Kelly, a member of the council.

In France you don't buy the frequency but get one for free and in exchange "there are rules you must respect," Kelly told Associated Press Television News.

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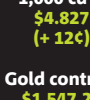
Molson, NHL to appeal

Molson Coors Canada and the National Hockey League plan to appeal an Ontario court ruling that would block what has been called the most lucrative sponsorship deal in the league's history.

Meanwhile, the Denver-based brewer said it's committed to advancing the \$375-million deal with the NHL despite what it called a "surprise" ruling last Friday. Judge Frank Newbould of the Ontario Supreme Court upheld a claim by rival brewer Labatt that the NHL reneged on a deal it had in place when it signed with Molson Coors.

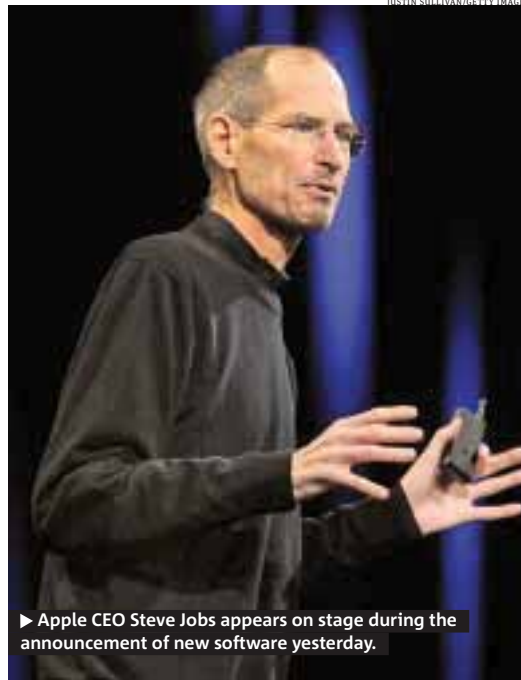
In a news release yesterday, Molson Coors CEO Dave Perkson said the company was disappointed, "given we entered into negotiations with the NHL in good faith." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Market moment

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- 199.25 (13,318.66)	- 0.26¢ (101.96¢ US)	- \$1.21 US (\$99.01 US)	\$4.827 (+ 12¢)
			Gold contract \$1,547.20 (+ \$4.80)

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Apple gets more in sync



► Apple CEO Steve Jobs appears on stage during the announcement of new software yesterday.

► New system allows users to zoom in using fingers on the trackpad

Apple CEO Steve Jobs introduced his company's latest, highly anticipated project, the iCloud, yesterday at Apple's Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco.

The free service automatically synchronizes music, documents, photos, mail, calendar, contacts, apps and iBooks, and backs up content — all via Apple's servers. It will be available this fall.

"We're going to move the centre of your digital life into the cloud," Jobs said. "If I get something on my iPhone, those pictures are in the cloud and they are now pushed down to my devices completely automatically. And now everything's in sync without me even having to think about it."

Instant buzz

- RIM's BlackBerry Messenger is getting new competition after Apple revealed plans for iMessage.
- The instant chat app will let Apple users exchange texts, pics and videos, just as BlackBerry users do with the popular BBM program.

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The company also introduced an operating system, dubbed Lion, which has 250 features and will be available in July. Meanwhile, the company's new iOS will allow users to sync devices via Wi-Fi and it will debut this fall.

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Tokyo employees clock in early to conserve

Facing a summer power crunch, some Tokyo city government employees began working an hour earlier yesterday to conserve energy amid shortages caused by damage to a tsunami-hit nuclear plant.

City workers on the earliest shift will start at 7:30 a.m. and be allowed to leave at 4:15 p.m.

By better using early daylight hours this summer, city officials hope to use less air conditioning and less office lighting at night.

"It should be a good thing, and it doesn't require any cost," Tokyo's outspoken Gov. Shintaro Ishihara said Friday. "I think all of Japan should shift to summer-time hours."

To prevent blackouts in the wake of the March 11 disaster, which knocked out Tokyo Electric Power Co.'s Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, the government has asked companies and government offices to cut electricity usage by 15 per cent. It wants



► Facing a power shortage, city workers in Tokyo leave the office yesterday after starting work early. The shift change aims to reduce energy usage during the summer months.

companies to limit air conditioning and officials are also encouraged to follow a new dress code called Super Cool, which includes lighter clothing such as polo shirts and sneakers to keep cool.

Households are urged to use electric fans instead of air conditioners, unplug appliances and raise temperatures on refrigerators.

TEPCO expects to supply 53.8-million kilowatts for Tokyo and its vicinity in July, which is short of an estimated demand of 60-million kilowatts. Tokyo uses one-third of TEPCO's output. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

9,500
Some 9,500 workers will be starting work early by the end of the week. By July, the number will grow to 25,000. Teachers, police, firefighters and medical experts will be excluded.

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GOING THE DISTANCE JUST NOT WORTH IT

SHE SAYS ...

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Throughout my dating history, I have tried and failed at two long-distance relationships. As a result of these short-lived and relatively miserable love affairs, I

would recommend that you never, ever try dating that involves a commute.

My first attempt was a trans-Canada romance that happened long before the days of Skype and face-time video chatting. Back in 2004 BF (Before Facebook), our cross-country correspondence involved carefully scheduled phone dates, emailed JPEGs and even the occasional handwritten letter.

Over the course of a year, the physical separation created an emotional distance between us and our once-optimistic relationship degenerated into a series of teary airport goodbyes and melancholy "I'll miss you" moments. The romance fizzled; after not seeing each

other for months at a time, the only thing giving me heart palpitations was my phone bill.

Never again, I swore. Until, of course, I decided to try it again.

A little more than a year later, I started long-distance dating on a much smaller scale. He was just outside of the city, a quick two-hour car ride would be fine, I thought; we'd see each other all the time.

We didn't.

This time, it was the age-old Country Mouse, City

Mouse problem. He would always favour fresh air over bright lights and nothing would make me relocate from my beloved downtown.

And, so, we parted ways, and I swore (for real this time) to never, ever date outside of my postal code.

With each failed relationship I came to realize that the more you concern yourself with long-distance rates and gas prices, the less time you spend nurturing a meaningful connection with your mate.

Even if you can handle the lack of physical intimacy, turbulent emotions and financial strain, being apart for weeks or months at a time takes an enormous amount of trust. Anytime your partner doesn't answer the phone you'll wonder where they are, but more importantly, who they're with. Monogamy isn't dependent on geography but being in the same general vicinity and seeing each other on a regular basis certainly helps curb those jealous tendencies.

So, what are we to believe — is it out of sight, out of mind, or can absence truly make the heart grow fonder?

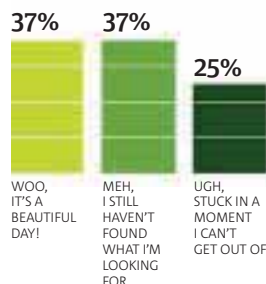
If you've beaten the odds and are in a successful, fulfilling long-distance relationship, then congratulations. But it's important to remember that mythical long-distance couples who make it work are always the exception, never the rule.

Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at metronews.ca/shesays



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How would you feel if you picked up a hitchhiker and it turned out to be Bono?



Local tweets



- @naomisayers00: 5am run to start the day/week off right. Feeling amazing! Miss these AM activities to start the day/week off right #ldnont
- @milhouse4: 24 years in this city, and it gets worse every year. When is city hall going to do something productive? #ldnont
- @jenptin: Better follow @wstrnbtch if you want to get entertained like you did with (@)wstrngirl #UWO
- @DanielPROSKA: Been out of school for a while, I'm glad I go to a good school so I don't have to dread the return, and instead just get stoked for it! #UWO
- @western_usc: Good morning! How was your weekend #UWO? Today's a nice balmy 27 degrees and we're starting our week right with a @uscwavespoke bagel #yum
- @Steb1a: King of the Pigs for lunch #hamiltonroad is still the best! I love chicken #ldnont
- @keshiasaldanha: just bought my #uwo sweatshirt @purplestoreUWO!

Worth mentioning

LOS ANGELES. An international mission will chart the saltiness of the ocean — from outer space.

An Argentine-built spacecraft carrying instruments from the United States and other nations is set to launch Thursday from the Vandenberg Air Force Base along the central California coast aboard a Delta 2 rocket.

The craft will circle 657 kilometres above the Earth and will use a NASA-built instrument to map weekly changes in the levels of brine in the sea. NASA's Aquarius instrument is so sensitive that it can detect changes down to a dash of salt in a gallon of water.

Nearly three-quarters of the Earth's surface is covered by water, which contains about 3.5 per cent salt. Though the amount of salt in the world's oceans remains mostly unchanged, the brine concentration in the topmost layer varies around the globe.

Understanding how brackish the sea surface is will help researchers better predict future climate change and short-term climate phenomena such as El Niño and its alter ego La Niña.

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WEIRD NEWS

Cops continue to confound Pink Panthers

Montenegrin police report they have arrested an alleged member of the international gang of jewel thieves known as the Pink Panthers.

Police identified the man as Igor Jovic, a citizen of neighbouring Serbia. They said he was trying to cross the border between the



two Balkan states. They did not specify the alleged crime he has committed.

The members of the gang are believed by Interpol to be from Balkan countries. They are the prime suspects in a series of thefts that have netted more than \$175 million US of jewels and watches over the past decade in Europe, Asia and the Persian Gulf.

International police have said more than 25 arrests have been made in recent years and 400 people are being investigated.

The Pink Panther gang is named after the 1963 movie starring Peter Sellers as the bungling Insp. Clouseau.

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Simple Plan mixes it up with big guest stars

► Montreal band does songs with Natasha Bedingfield, Rivers Cuomo and K'Naan on its new album *Get Your Heart On!* ► Band seeks to return to its roots after flirting with electronica

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Montreal's Simple Plan is one of Canada's biggest bands of the 21st century, with sales in excess of seven million albums worldwide.

The newest, *Get Your Heart On!* (out June 21), is filled with the trademark anthemic choruses that made it so popular out of the gate.

On the band's 2008 self-titled album, frontman Pierre Bouvier, drummer Chuck Comeau, guitarists Jeff Stinco and Sébastien Lefebvre, and bassist David Desrosiers did veer away from the straight-up pop-rock thing just a bit with electronic programming. This time they're back to the purity of 2002's *No Pads, No Helmets ... Just Balls*, and 2004's *Still Not Getting Any...*

But, they didn't just go back to the same old formula. Simple Plan invited some special guests to sing on the album — K'Naan on *Summer Paradise*, Rivers Cuomo of Weezer on *Can't Keep My Hands Off You*, and



► Simple Plan are set to release a new album, *Get Your Heart On!*, June 21.

Natasha Bedingfield on the first single, *Jet Lag*.

"It's the first time we've had a female guest vocal," says Bouvier during an interview. "Well, it's more like a duet. There's so many parts for the girl."

Of the K'Naan appearance, Bouvier says the rapper was in Los Angeles at the same time Simple Plan was recording and popped into the studio for the day.

"It was a little guitar

thing and we called him up and said, 'We want you to rap on that part.' All I said was, 'Can you end it with 'and I'll be there in a heartbeat?'"

Cuomo was a major coup. Bouvier and Comeau, the band's main songwriters, collaborated with many outside writers for *Get Your Heart On!* and one of those people was the Weezer frontman.

"He's a really shy per-

son and very introverted person," Bouvier says. "Love the guy, super nice, but I'd say a little bit awkward and he'd probably even say it himself."

"We've met some people who have co-written with him and we said, 'Yeah, he's singing on our song,' and they say, 'He's singing on your song? He must've really liked you guys because he doesn't do that a lot.'"

Celebrity

Question: *Loser of the Year* is clearly about celebrity and fame, but what is the point Simple Plan is trying to make?

Answer: "The song is a caricature of this situation, an exaggeration of it, basically because I don't have a fridge full of champagne and I don't hang out with Lil Wayne," says Bouvier. "The idea behind it is no matter what I have, all this money and all these things — we pushed it to the extreme (in the lyric); it's not really what we're living — because I'm so famous doesn't mean s—t if I don't have you with me; If I don't have you, then I'm really just loser of the year. But what was also cool, and I saw a different side of it a few months back, was this song might actually sound like it might be about having fans. It sounds like it could be about us onstage, saying, 'I have all this s—t and I've got these fancy cars and big mansions and champagne, but if you're not there, then I'm just a loser.'"

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Scene in brief



The cast of MTV's *Jersey Shore* will return to New Jersey to tape the fifth season of the reality series after the cast says ciao to Italy.

MTV's parent company, Viacom, has announced that production will begin in Seaside Heights sometime in June.

The fourth season, which was taped in Florence, Italy, is scheduled to premiere Aug. 4.

Italian police recently revoked Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi's international driver's license after the *Jersey Shore* star was in a fender-bender with a police car. Two policemen were slightly injured.

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Supreme Court turns away actor Wesley Snipes' appeal of conviction of tax charges. Scan code for story.

Arcade Fire film not intended as political statement: Band

Arcade Fire has long held a reputation for seriousness, whether it's the Montreal band's carefully contemplated music, their politics or their unwaveringly independent ethos.

So it's perhaps not surprising that the stark images in the band's new Spike Jonze-directed short film *Scenes from the Suburbs* — in which shadowy military characters at one point execute a civilian on a pristine suburban street — are being interpreted as a statement on the military,

or U.S. border security, or the suburbs themselves.

But really, the band's Will Butler says they were just having fun making a short film influenced by the sci-fi adventure movies they grew up watching.

"No, I think it starts with the genre, like: 'Let's make a dystopian movie,'" Butler corrected. "It wasn't like: 'The world is going to hell, and this is the hell we'll be in 25 years.' It was more like, let's make a sci-fi movie. Oh, what's a plausible path that this could



► Members of Arcade Fire perform at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in May.

take? But really, we want some guys with guns in the future."

Indeed, *Scenes from the Suburbs* — which is screening at the CFC Worldwide Short Films Festival this week in Toronto and will then be included as part of a deluxe version of the Montreal band's third album *The Suburbs* on August 2 — is a sci-fi puzzler that seems to blend the paranoia of Terry Gilliam films with the nostalgia of classic Steven Spielberg flicks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Coen's stay
True to tale

True Grit

Genre: Western

Directors: Ethan Coen, Joel Coen

Stars: Jeff Bridges, Matt Damon and Hailee Steinfeld
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When Joel and Ethan Coen announced they were filming *True Grit*, word was it would be different from the 1969 Henry Hathaway oater that won John Wayne his Oscar for Best Actor.

That's partially true and mainly to the good. The Coens are amazingly loyal to the dialogue and plot of Charles Portis's wry and wondrous source novel, and they place more emphasis on 14-year-old avenger Mattie Ross than they do on flinty deputy marshal Rooster Cogburn.

They deliver a film of far superior technical brilliance to Hathaway's, and their casting choices range from smart (Jeff Bridges as the one-eyed Cogburn, Matt Damon as Texas Ranger LaBoeuf) to pure genius (newcomer Hailee Steinfeld as Mattie).



True Grit is also one of the least "Coenesque" of the brothers' films. You look in vain for much evidence of their wicked humour. It's possible that in Portis they have found a writer whose acerbic wit exceeds their own and they have opted, perhaps wisely, not to tamper with it.

But who really knows? It's also possible that the Coens simply love the sto-

ry — and there is much to love.

Told from the memory of a grown-up but unrepentant Mattie, it's a Wild West payback saga with a difference: an Arkansas teen who conscripts the wastrel Cogburn to help her deliver frontier justice to the cowardly farmhand (Josh Brolin) who shot her father dead for \$150, a horse and two gold coins.

Just Go With It

Genre: Comedy

Director: Dennis Dugan

Stars: Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston and Brooklyn Decker
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Remember the last really funny Adam Sandler comedy?

I'm struggling to recall it — *The Wedding Singer*, anyone? — and it's abundantly clear that Sandler is caught in his own memory gap. As he wrestles with an uncomfortable middle age, he's either forgotten or ceased to care about how to make people laugh.

Take *Just Go With It* (please!), the latest noxious emission from his Happy Madison gas factory. It's a movie so lazily constructed, it risks offending the indolent.

It's very loosely based on *Cactus Flower*, the 1969 film that won Goldie Hawn the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress. The original, teaming Hawn with Walter Matthau and Ingrid Bergman, was an example of how good acting



and directing can enliven dumb farce.

The remake, yoking Sandler with Jennifer Aniston and Sports Illustrated swimsuit model Brooklyn Decker, with an implausibly game Nicole Kidman in tow, demonstrates the exact opposite. The screenplay can't even stay true to its own internal idiocy. Sandler's Danny Maccabee is an L.A. plastic surgeon, who, wounded by past infidelity, now wears a fake wedding ring to deter potential brides.

He finds that women are drawn like catnip to his ring, along with his bogus tales of marital distress, and he gets more sack action than he'd ever imagined.

● PETER HOWELL

Family Guy gets its
own comic book

Steve White, editor of the upcoming *Family Guy* comic book, is keenly aware of the franchise's history of drawing laughs and making viewers cringe.

That's why he says the new series, published by Titan Comics and debuting July 27 in comic book shops and on newsstands, will not only uphold the TV tradition of the Emmy-nominated animated show but delve deeper into the characters and comedy of Peter Griffin, his family and friends.

"The *Family Guy* universe is an amazing wellspring of ideas to plunder. It's given us a lot of latitude to develop stories ranging from one-page gag strips to more extended full-length scripts and pretty much everything in between," he told *The Associated Press* recently.



► Cover of the first *Family Guy* comic book.

The series will be drawn by S.L. Gallant, whose previous work includes runs on *G.I. Joe* and *Torchwood*, and Anthony Williams, who has drawn for *Judge Dredd* and *Batman*.

Unlike a rigid 23-minute block of time, having the stories in print means more plot-twists and concepts, so each issue will, on average, have around three stories

— a main story, a short tale and a gag strip.

"We're even looking at recurring one-pagers, but as I said, really, the world is our oyster here," he said.

Turning television properties into comic books is often a successful way of bridging the mediums of comics and the small screen, not to mention the big screen, too. Other publishers have done so, including IDW, which puts out comics based on *Doctor Who*, *The Transformers* and *Ghostbusters*.

Family Guy, which debuted on Fox in 1999 and was off the air for a time and returned in 2005, targets everybody and everything in its story lines: Cookie Monster in an asylum battling his cookie addiction; Dick Cheney as a foul-mouthed greeter at Wal-Mart.



The *Family Guy* comic had a long gestation period, but, ultimately the concept gained traction with Fox, which airs Seth McFarlane's seminal show.

"We felt that *Family Guy* TV show to *Family Guy* comic was a natural progression, but Fox needed a little convincing," White said. "In the end, we winged it and did a two-page comic strip off our own back and that actually seemed to do the trick."

As for McFarlane himself, White said while the TV show's producers will be "casting their eyes" over the book's stories and art, "if Seth ever fancied taking time out to write a comic strip or do a cover, we'd be pretty appreciative."

McFarlane could not immediately be reached for comment.

The comic won't just focus on the Griffins. Glen "Giggity" Quagmire, Cleveland Brown and Joe Swan-

son, among others, will be in the book, too.

"There's no way we would want to miss out on using the likes of Quagmire. There's also a wealth of other characters we'd want to include," White said, adding the editorial team are deep fans of the show.

"We're not just paying lip service to the show. We're really immersing ourselves in it."

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Sheen and baby mama make deal

► Brooke Mueller and Charlie Sheen reportedly reach agreement over custody of twins after long-standing feud ► Details remain under wraps

After months of bitter negotiations, Charlie Sheen and ex-wife Brooke Mueller have reportedly reached an agreement for custody of their twin sons, Bob and Max, according to Us Weekly.

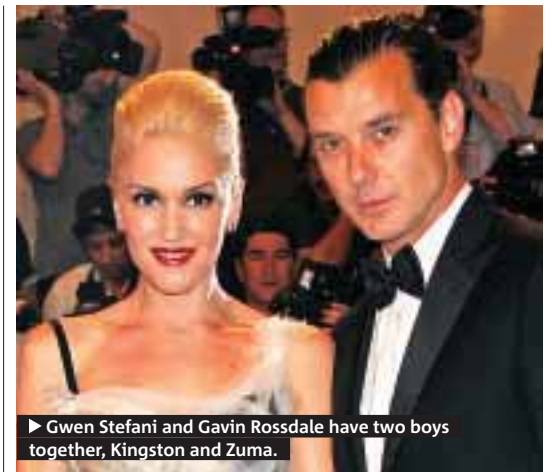
The two are said to be "satisfied" with the new terms, which weren't disclosed.

The agreement brings a civil end to a custody battle that involved the boys being removed from Sheen's home by authorities in March. ● METRO



► Mueller and Sheen's divorce became official on May 2, less than three years after the couple married.

ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES



► Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale have two boys together, Kingston and Zuma.

Rockers' toddler takes a tumble

Hearts nearly stopped at the home of Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale recently when their two-year-old son Zuma took a tumble off of a counter-top, requiring a trip to the hospital, according to People magazine.

"It was one of the worst

nights of our lives," Rossdale says.

"He's fine now. It's almost worse for us. The kids are never alone and you turn your back — it takes a split second."

Zuma was treated for a broken arm.

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Piers Morgan and wife expecting



Piers Morgan took to Twitter to confirm a report that he and wife Celia

Walden are expecting their first child together. "This is true," Morgan posted along with a link to a Daily Mail story about the couple. Morgan has three sons from a previous marriage.

According to the report, Walden is four months pregnant.

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Twilight star and former Idol to wed

Twilight star Nikki Reed used the MTV Movie Awards to reveal that she and American Idol



boyfriend Paul McDonald are engaged, according to Hollyscoop. "He's the one," she said when asked if they plan to wed, while her rep later confirmed the engagement. "He's says he's going to release a Nikki Reed EP," she said of her musician beau.

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Heidi Klum shows off 'the body'

At 38 years old and a mother of four, Heidi Klum still isn't afraid to let it all hang out.

The supermodel reportedly went nude for an ad campaign for the new sea-

son of her series, Project Runway, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

Nancy Dubuc, the head of Project Runway network Lifetime Television, says a nude Klum will help the network convey a new message "brazen, strong, confident and sexy" women.

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Celebrity tweets



"In soggy London today. Was planning a walk around Hyde Park, might get some sleep instead."



@russellcrowe

@lindsaylohan

"I love reese witherspoon sooooo much!!!!"



@ConanOBrien



"All right, who keeps throwing empty beer cans in my pool and erasing my memory?"

@ParisHilton

"Bye Spain! Love you! Taking off back to LA!"



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Flaxseed



Women looking for a natural remedy for a common menopause problem have a disappointment. A study finds that eating flaxseed does not curb hot flashes.

Hormone pills ease hot flashes, but they can raise the risk of breast cancer and are not safe for women who have had that disease. Flaxseed has weak hormonal effects, and doctors thought it might help. Mayo Clinic researchers tested it in 178 women who had at least 28 hot flashes a week. About half previously had breast cancer.

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Study finds hormone-blocking drug reduces risk of breast cancer with fewer side effects



► Guide dogs play a big role in the life of any blind person.

Seeing the blind life

► Jeff Berwick takes Metro through a day in his life as a blind man to raise help awareness



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It's a day in the life of Jeff Berwick.

He's an ordinary guy, married with two kids, commuting two hours each way from Oshawa to Toronto and back.

What's different about Berwick is that he's doing it blind.

"I don't let too many

things get in my way," Berwick tells Metro.

This soft-spoken 38-year-old became blind at 13 when the bone holding his optic nerve didn't grow normally, pinching off his sight.

With the aid of a guide dog and a keen sense of touch and sound, he navigates a complex network of buses, trains and subways to get to his job in customer service at the

"I don't let too many things get in my way"

JEFF BERWICK

Ontario Medical Association.

Once there, his computer speaks to him and he does his job so seamlessly that sometimes his coworkers forget he's blind.

During time off he does

what other people do: mundane tasks like emptying the dishwasher and more exciting events like attending sports events his kids Spencer, 7, and Asher, 3, are involved in.

"Look at me, Daddy!" Asher will often say, too young to understand his dad can't see him.

Berwick is helping to raise awareness of what it's like to be blind and some of the tools that can

help people with disabilities live normal lives. A short documentary which profiles a day in the life of Berwick is available at: youtube.com/accessible-media

When you open the video, you'll see a shadowy black overlay, which is intended to give you are sense of what it would be like to watch YouTube videos if you had low vision.

Describing television

One of the things Jeff Berwick loves to do, like people who are not blind, is to chill out at the end of the day with his family, watching TV or the latest movie.

He uses a new channel called The Accessible Channel (TACTv), which provides a voice description of what's going on as it happens on the screen.

"Described video is great," says Berwick.

"It allows a blind person to watch a show that is described visually. It's like a whole new world. I don't have to wait to find out why people laughed three seconds ago."

TACTv is produced by non-profit Accessible Media Inc.

Another AMI product is

VoicePrint, which provides blind people with access to leading newspaper and magazine articles that have been read and recorded by volunteer voices. Berwick is happy to help promote AMI.

"We produced this commercial so that people would say, 'you're are not as different as I thought.'"

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► Descriptive video is helping blind people watch TV.

Quynh Nhi's brothy noodle dishes are fun & satisfying



► Pho with sliced beef brisket, tripe, tendon and sausage.

► Vietnamese eatery does Pho right

LUNCH RUSH

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Quynh Nhi serves up authentic Vietnamese pho. Meat, noodles and veggies are drowned in a sour, spicy and salty broth as simple yet nourishing fare.

The small inconspicuous restaurant shares its space with an auto body shop and is geared toward take-out and delivery. I sit down at one of the tables, however, salivating at the choice of dishes.

My deep-fried spring rolls (\$4.25 for two) arrive

with a sweet-and-sour dipping sauce. Quynh Nhi's Pad Thai is popular (\$12) but I am focused on the pho. The waiter recommends the sliced beef brisket, tripe, tendon and sausage version (\$9.50).

The substantial bowl arrives smelling incredible. I custom garnish mine: fresh basil adds fragrance, bean sprouts add crunch, and sriracha and hoisin splashes add heat. I messily — but happily — slurp my way through it all.

► **Quynh Nhi**
55 Wharncliffe Rd. N.
519-850-8870
Social lunch: Yes
Price range: \$9 - \$16.95
Rating: 4 out of 5

Watermelon Green Tea



► This recipe makes eight servings.

This deliciously refreshing and antioxidant-rich combination of watermelon, pomegranate and green tea provides the energy needed to stay alert, hydrated and refreshed all day.

For a special occasion, add a splash of effervescence like Champagne or soda water.

Preparation:

1 In a large container, mix ingredients together and chill. Stir

before serving and serve over ice.

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Ingredients:

- 1 l (4 cups) watermelon puree
- 500 ml (2 cups) pomegranate juice
- 1 l (4 cups) prepared and chilled strong green tea
- 250 ml (1 cup) white grape juice
- Ice, for serving

A taste of Tuscany

This scrumptious chicken pasta dish is so quick to make that it will be a welcome supper for busy cooks.

Preparation:

1 In large non-stick skillet, heat half of the oil. Brown the chicken strips well on all sides over medium-high heat. Remove the chicken and keep it warm.

2 Heat the remaining oil in the same skillet. Add shallot and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in the balsamic vinegar, soup, water, sun-dried tomatoes and rosemary. Return the chicken to skillet. Bring to boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 5 minutes or until the chicken is no longer pink inside, stirring occasionally.

3 In a serving bowl, combine chicken gently with penne and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.



► This quick meal takes just three steps to make.

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
- 1 lb (500 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into strips
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) balsamic vinegar
- 1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) water
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) thinly sliced sun-dried tomatoes
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- 4 cups (1 L) hot cooked penne pasta prepared without salt
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) grated Parmesan cheese

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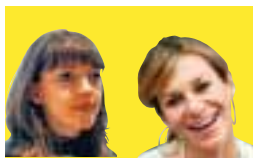
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TRY TO AVOID DRAMA

I have a dilemma. I broke up with my now ex-girlfriend about six months ago. We still see each other every once in a while because we share some of the same friends. I have no feelings towards her, but one of her best friends has started to flirt with me ... and I like it. How wrong is it to go out with my ex's best friend?
Confused.

TWO SISTERS



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Claire: Dear confused-doesn't-even-begin-to-cover-it,

Ack. Couldn't you have asked a simple question, about the death penalty, or euthanasia or something?

Here's the simple answer: date her, and things will get complicated. Don't date her, and you'll keep it as simple as you make things sound right now.

We've all been there, but most of us left as fast as we could: we've all liked and been liked by someone we shouldn't.

Stay away from that group of friends until you meet another girl you find fabulous. Your ex likely

still misses you and will be doubly heartbroken if you not only dumped her but then decide to take up with her best friend.

As for her best friend, she'd likely lose a lot of their mutual friends. Run. Now.

Andrea: Dear Gossip Girl cast member,

It's totally normal to be attracted to your ex's friends.

You likely all share similar interests, and there may be some qualities you admire in BFF that you also admired in your ex.

However, what's the likelihood that BFF also

shares some of the same faults that made you break up in the first place?

You don't want to be a man-whore and create all this drama in the group for nothing — it gives new meaning to "keeping it in the family."

Are you interested because she's easily accessible, or because you truly like her? If it's the first, then you need to weigh your needs as a male against the needs of the group to stick together.

My suggestion: if you haven't dated anyone since your ex, go out and find some fresh meat.

It'll help you scratch the itch and give you some perspective.

If at this point you're still convinced that her BFF is your next GF, then go for it, but this doesn't mean you can make out in front of your ex.

TWO SISTERS, 20-SOMETHING ANDREA AND 30-SOMETHING CLAIRE, OFFER THEIR DIFFERING VIEWS ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP ISSUES.



► Elben and Tara.

FINDING LOVE AFTER A TIME OF SADNESS

Names:
Elben, 23, and Tara, 26

Hometown:
Vancouver

Together since:
2010

Their story:

It was the end of January 2010, and my father had just entered hospice after a very short and devastating battle with brain cancer.

He passed away a few days later.

As I (Tara) was walking back into his room to say my final goodbye, I crossed paths with my father's nurse, who was walking out.

He asked how I was, and I quickly found myself confiding in this stranger. I was instantly drawn to him. We chatted briefly and then parted ways. I found myself still thinking about him days afterwards, so I decided to look him up on Facebook.

I tried Alvin, Elvin, Alben, until I finally got his

name right (Elben) and sent him a message.

We have been inseparable ever since. I haven't had this much fun in a long time. Elben helped me get through what would have been one of the toughest years of my life with lots of love and support.

We have been living together for a while now, and every day is a laughing riot! I feel as though I traded one sweet angel for another.

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BOOK REVIEW

TITLE: LA SEDUCTION: HOW THE FRENCH PLAY THE GAME OF LIFE
AUTHOR: ELAINE SCIOLINO
PUBLISHER: TIMES BOOKS

One Saturday afternoon in Paris, a New York Times correspondent was baking cookies in her running clothes and ran out of butter.

Dashing to a convenience store, she ran into a

Seduction is 'essence of life' for the French

French foreign ministry official who invited her for coffee — rumpled appearance and all.

The official pointed out that her street, the impossibly stylish rue du Bac "is not the Upper West Side" of New York, where it might be acceptable to traipse about in sweats.

The American shot back that this was her neighbourhood and she should

be able to wear whatever she wants.

"You can," he replied, "but you shouldn't."

In France, you see, dressing sloppily is not only an insult to yourself but also to anyone and everyone you interact with.

Times Paris correspondent Elaine Sciolino's *La Seduction* is crammed with such anecdotes, illustrating how the secrets and sub-

tleties of seduction drive all aspects of French life — from food to social faux pas, fashion to foreign policy.

She explains, however, that French seduction is not simply sexual: "The excitement comes less from gratification than desire."

The verb "seduce" has a softer connotation in France — indeed the rather sinister sounding diplomat-

ic term "operation seduction" translates to "charm offensive."

Still, a writer tells Sciolino that seduction is like breathing for the French, and Alain Baraton, gardener at the palace of Versailles, calls it "the essence of life."

Yes, the book will make you want to fly to France to sip champagne — maybe even find some stranger to

seduce — among the wondrous gardens of Versailles; to stroll past the Eiffel Tower and its carefully layered paint job so that its colour appears uniform in any light; or attend a power dinner party where risotto with scallops is the first course and the conversation is at once head-swimmingly sophisticated and seemingly effortless.

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In the market for a new car? Weighing the pros and cons of leasing vs. buying? According to LeaseGuide.com if you plan to drive a vehicle for more than six years, buying is often more affordable in the long term. However, monthly lease payments are much cheaper than financing payments. When you buy a car, you own it forever. Leasing is like renting and you don't own the car; rather, you pay to use it for a specific period of time.

When that time is up, you can buy the car or walk away from it. Lease payments are 30 to 60 per cent cheaper than financing payments as you aren't paying off the car; you're covering the cost of depreciation.

Leasing can work better when you need a car, but can't afford the down payment and/or monthly payments or if you don't want your cash tied up in costly car payments. If you're a business owner, lease payments can be written off (tax deductible). But when you lease a car, you're allowed to drive a certain amount of kilometres each year. If you go over this amount, you can be charged rates/penalties. Typically leasing works best for those wanting to; make low payments; drive a new car every few years; not worry about maintenance costs; drive a predictable amount; handle regular light maintenance; and not build equity in a depreciating asset. Buying works best for those wanting; low long-term costs of driving; to drive their car for a long time; to manage maintenance and repair services; unlimited kilometres; to build equity; the freedom to buy or sell whenever.

Don't let fees kill your returns

ON MONEY

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Canadians are increasingly aware of the existence of management expense ratios (MERs) for mutual funds.

The average MER is between 2.25 and 2.5 per cent but much higher for seg funds sold by insurance companies. These fees are deducted off the top of the fund's return so you never actually see the amount.

MERs compensate mutual fund companies for management and research and also pay advisors/salespeople for service and advice.

MERs in Canada are generally in the range of one to two per cent higher than comparable funds in the U.S. You have to wonder about that since the majority of Canadian funds actual-

ly beat their benchmark index. Frankly, the lack of interest in mutual fund fees has always puzzled me. Most of us don't feel we're getting much service for the fees we're paying. But do we complain? No.

David Chilton, the author of the Wealthy Barber bestseller, talks about this puzzling ambivalence toward investment fees in his entertaining seminars. He points out that, to most people, a 2.5 per cent fee doesn't sound like much.

For example, if I tell you that an item costs \$100 and fees will add another 2.5 per cent, or a mere \$2.50, you are likely to shrug. In an age when sales taxes add 13 to 15 per cent to the cost of so many goods and services, 2.5 per cent seems cheap.

Everyone agrees when Chilton presents it this way. Then he neatly flips things around by pointing out that if a mutual fund produces an eight per cent return be-



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Mall rat realities

► Journalist pens book about working in retail

Freelance journalist and author Caitlin Kelly is perched on a stool in a coffee shop at the Eaton Centre, one of Canada's venerable shopping malls, talking about how her two-year stint working retail in a New York City suburb has altered the way she views the shopping experience.

For example, she can't help appraising the sales associates. "Are they paying attention, are they helpful, friendly, do they know their stuff? I'm not a manager but I now see it with a more managerial eye because I've been that person, and I know." Her new book Malled: My Unintentional Career in Retail is an eye-opener for anyone who's never experienced the world behind a retailer's

cash desk, in the stockroom or on the floor trying to sell to meet targets set by managers. It's a not-so-glowing portrait of low wages, long

hours spent on one's feet and customers who are demanding and sometimes downright unpleasant.

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► Author Caitlin Kelly

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What's happening at a school near you

► Brescia day camp aims to empower young women ► Western plays host to Canada's top astronomers at CASCA

Fanshawe opens new centre

Fanshawe College officially opened its new Centre for Applied Transportation Technologies (CATT).

The new centre accommodates 1,500 students who are seeking job-ready credentials in trades and technologies that support the transportation industry. In addition to state-of-the-art equipment and learning tools, the 148,000-square-foot facility will feature a variety of exciting green innovations, including a vegetated green roof occupying 48,000 square feet, storm water reclamation, solar-powered GPS tracking skylights for natural day-lighting in the shops and other sustainability initiatives.

Westervelt celebrates global event

This year marks the 20th anniversary of International Emergency Response Day at Westervelt College, which continues to grow in size and popularity, from a small event with 22 displays in its first year to its current size exceeding 100.

There was representation from many Canadian and international policing services and agencies including: Toronto Police Winged Wheels, London Police, OPP, Peel Regional, York Regional, Hamilton, Sarnia and St. Thomas Police Services, Detroit, Marysville, Armada, Brown City, and St. Clair from Michigan and DeSalles University Police, Pennsylvania.

Fire services from Strathroy-Caradoc, Adelaide-Metcalf, London and other neighbouring communities have all participated, as well as emergency medical services from Thames, London and Lambton County.

Brescia day camp helps empower young women

A day camp designed to help young women develop self-esteem and feel valued as individuals will once again be hosted at Brescia University College this summer.

From July 4 to August 26, Girls LEAD day camp will offer girls in Grades 3 to 8 the opportunity to de-

velop as individuals and leaders by participating in fun and unique "girl-inspired" camp activities.

As Canada's only women's university, it was important for Brescia University College to host a summer camp specifically designed to immerse young girls in leadership opportunities and experiences.

"Leadership is a choice that one makes, but I think leadership qualities are rooted in introspection and self-reflection. Girls LEAD counsellors will facilitate, in each camp session, self-awareness and confidence-building activities," says Pam Core, Brescia's co-ordinator of leadership and student Engagement.

"The Girls LEAD camp curriculum imitates the curriculum that is happening in schools at each specific grade level. We definitely add elements of fun and ingenuity to those camp teachings though."

Because there are food labs at Brescia, the girls get to learn about healthy eating — which directly links to the self-awareness portion of the curriculum — while cooking fun meals. They also write journals and have the opportunity to reflect.

Western brings experts together

The University of Western Ontario's Department of Physics and Astronomy recently hosted the annual meeting of the Canadian Astronomical Society (CASCA) at the London Convention Centre. Western successfully bid to host this national event from May 30 to June 2, with a goal to showcase London's growing astronomical community and significantly upgraded facilities.

"Our Western research team has greatly increased since last hosting this conference in 1994," says astronomy professor Aaron Sigut. "The graduate enrolment in this field

tion position to focus solely on implementing this stronger international presence on campus.

The university's new four-year plan looks to boost its international numbers to 250 students for the in-

coming

class, and to 400 by 2014/2015. Janice Deakin, provost and vice-president (academic), says the creation of a vice-provost and associate vice-president

(international education) sends a clear signal that internationalization is of increasing importance to Western's broader academic mission.

"The new position calls for leadership in the planning, co-ordination and execution of new and existing international initiatives," Deakin says, adding that the recruitment process for the new position will get underway this summer.

"The incumbent, once hired, will work to improve communication and exchange of information on the internationalization file," she says, "and will enhance our capacity to co-ordinate all our various international activities in the most effective and efficient manner possible."

Deakin adds that achieving the university's international student enrolment targets would be one important measure of success of the new role.

However, the position's mandate will be much broader than that, including creating more opportunities for international learning experiences and enhancing the support provided to international students. **METRO**

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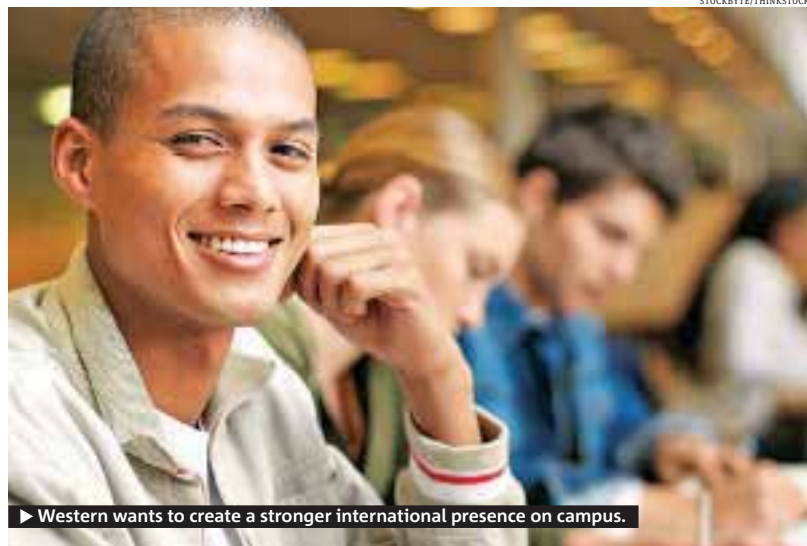
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has grown tremendously since then. Today, we have nearly 30 MSc and PhD Astronomy students and we are now able to contribute far more on an international level." Through a series of research presentations, CASCA delegates shared the latest advances in astronomical science, facilities and educational outreach.

Western to embrace international learning

As the University of Western Ontario embraces some ambitious goals for attracting more international students, the university's Senate recently approved the creation of a new senior administra-



► Western wants to create a stronger international presence on campus.

Mavs need 'Jet' to take flight

As exciting as it is to watch Dirk Nowitzki make shot after shot in the NBA final, the Dallas Mavericks don't want to keep doing that.

The supporting cast that helped carry Nowitzki and the Mavericks to the final has suddenly shrivelled.

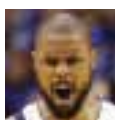
The Mavs trail 2-1 going into Game 4 tonight mainly because they aren't scoring enough. Their average of 88.3 points per game is down 11.4 from the previous three rounds.

Nowitzki's 28.3 points are almost exactly his post-season average. The drop-off is everywhere else, especially from their bench and usually automatic sixth-man Jason (Jet) Terry.

"Jet hasn't really been a crunch-time, clutch player for us the way we need him to," Nowitzki said yesterday. "We have to find a way to get Jet some freedom ... He's got to make some shots for us."

Confidence isn't the problem for Terry. He questioned whether LeBron James, who has defensively smothered Terry, "can defend me like that for seven games." He also said that if Dallas can score 100 points, "they can't beat us."

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"I still feel like we're going to be NBA champs this year ... It's going to be a tough road."

DALLAS CENTRE TYSON CHANDLER



► Bruins left-wing Brad Marchand scores against Vancouver's Roberto Luongo last night.

Bruins won't make it easy for Canucks

► After losing first two games in Stanley Cup final, Boston roars back with 8-1 win over Vancouver ► Bruins forward Horton taken to hospital

The Boston Bruins got their swagger back in time to save their season.

Tim Thomas defiantly defended his team after two close one-goal losses to open the Stanley Cup final and backed it up with 40 saves last night as the Bruins handed the Vancouver Canucks a humbling 8-1 loss in Game 3.

It was the most complete effort of the series for a Bruins team that was clearly energized by a return to the rocking TD Garden. A four-goal outburst in the second period was made possible



by the solid play of Thomas and helped Boston narrow the gap in the series to 2-1. Game 4 goes tomorrow

night before the final shifts back to Vancouver for Game 5 on Friday.

The Bruins victory was even more impressive because it came without Nathan Horton, the team's second-leading playoff scorer, who was knocked out of the game at 5:07 of the first period by a devastating late hit from Canucks defence-man Aaron Rome. Horton laid motionless on the ice for several minutes before being carted off on a stretcher and taken to hospital.

Rome was given a five-

minute major for interference and could find himself facing a suspension after Mike Murphy reviews the play.

Mark Recchi scored twice, Michael Ryder had a goal and two assists, while Andrew Ference, Brad Marchand, David Krejci, Dan Paille and Chris Kelly also scored for Boston.

Jannik Hansen replied for Vancouver. It was a tough night for Canucks starter Roberto Luongo, who was beaten four times on 14 shots in the middle period. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"It would be a dream to say goodbye scoring a goal."

RONALDO

Power pitcher goes first in draft

The Pittsburgh Pirates selected hard-throwing UCLA righty Gerrit Cole with the No. 1 pick in the Major League Baseball draft last night.

Cole, a six-foot-four, 220-pound junior, posted mediocre numbers this season for the Bruins (6-8, 3.31 earned-run average), but has what many consider to be the best pure stuff in the

100 Gerrit Cole has a fastball that is consistently clocked at 95 mph and was up around 100 late in the season.

draft.

Cole was a first-round pick of the New York Yankees in 2008, but refused to listen to an offer and instead attended UCLA.

The Pirates, picking No. 1 for the fourth time in franchise history, hope Cole ends up being their ace.

"Gerrit Cole has the size, strength, overall package of stuff and mentality to develop into a top-of-the-rotation major-league starting pitcher," said Greg Smith, the Pirates' director of scouting.

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Sports in brief

USC has 2004 title revoked

FOOTBALL. The Bowl Championship Series stripped Southern California of its 2004 title yesterday, leaving that season without a BCS champion. The NCAA ruled tailback Reggie Bush received improper extra benefits in

the 2004 and 2005 seasons and was ineligible when he played.

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Back strain has Ramirez on DL

MLB. Florida Marlins all-star shortstop Hanley Ramirez was placed on the 15-day disabled list for the first time in his career because of a strained back yesterday.

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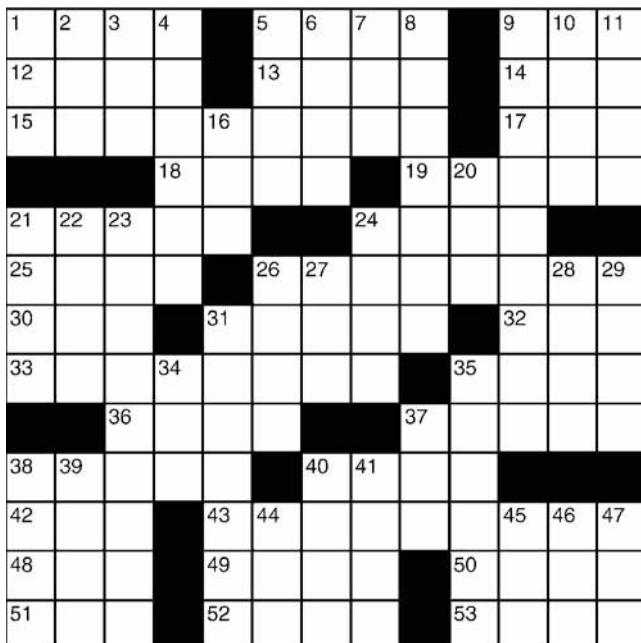
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Across

- 1 More than eager
- 5 Get well
- 9 Sch. org.
- 12 Nibble
- 13 Hamburg's river
- 14 Tennis shot
- 15 Whoopi Goldberg movie
- 17 Exist
- 18 "This weighs —!"
- 19 Poison
- 21 Upper story
- 24 Set fire to
- 25 April prank victim
- 26 Compassionate
- 30 Plagiarize
- 31 Blender setting
- 32 Alias letters
- 33 — bandit (slot machine)
- 35 On the rocks
- 36 Lambs' dams
- 37 Fidgeting
- 38 Cartons
- 40 Stitches
- 42 — Khan
- 43 Communicating (with)
- 48 14-Across' path
- 49 Campus VIP
- 50 Reverberate
- 51 Allow
- 52 Recedes
- 53 Bosc or Bartlett

Down

- 1 Tummy muscles
- 2 Evening hour on a sundial
- 3 "— Impossible"
- 4 Military assignment
- 5 Medal earner



- 6 Verve
- 7 Easy as —
- 8 Salad basis, usually
- 9 Unvarnished truth
- 10 Ripped
- 11 Help on the sly
- 16 "Yada yada yada" (Abbr.)
- 20 Jackie's second spouse
- 21 Frizzy 'do
- 22 Animated figure
- 23 "Specifically..."
- 24 Raised
- 26 Autumn flowers, for short
- 27 Before
- 28 Guitars' kin
- 29 Gentlewoman
- 31 Run the meeting
- 34 Dumbfound
- 35 Foot part
- 37 Plant bristle
- 38 False god
- 39 Fairy tale villain
- 40 Wound cover
- 41 Billions of years
- 44 Kan. neighbor
- 45 Expert
- 46 Half a dance?
- 47 Rocky pinnacle

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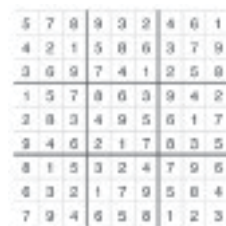
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Your confidence will soar over the next 24 hours. Lady Luck is on your side.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If what you receive today seems to be more than you deserve, you must not feel bad about it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Avoid those who preach doom. Some say the world is in a sorry state, the planets say otherwise.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You are about to be rewarded for your vision and your efforts — and your determination not to give up.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 If you want to move up in the world, now is the time to do something about it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Things you value today, won't be what you value tomorrow. Nothing is worth getting worked up about.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Someone you think of as a rival will surprise you by saying something that makes you look and feel good.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Today will convince you that what you have been working on is a waste of time. It will free you.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 This is a good day for relationships of all kinds. Don't hold back.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Make sure you know all the facts of a situation before taking action.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Allow yourself to get caught up in the social whirl. You're allowed to have fun. It will ease the tension.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Important people are watching you closely and there's not much doubt they will like what they see.

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